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The following observations ☐

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1. Former Reit-und Fahrschule on Dresdener Strasse: \*1.

Only occupied by a guard detail.

25X1 The Tank Bn ☐ from this kaserne was away on maneuvers in the Zeithain (N 52/E 81) area: \*\*

2. Former Infanterie Kaserne on Dresdener Strasse: \*2

Only occupied by a guard detail.

25X1 The Hq of Tank Regt ☐ (found on an original pass) from this kaserne with its subordinate units was also in the ZEITHAIN area. A colonel who had lost one eye was the regimental commander.

3. Former Ulanen Kaserne on Dresdener Strasse: \*3

Supply depot of the tank units. Part of the Kaserne was destroyed.

4. Fliegerhorst Kaserne: 25X1

a. Guard detail of Tank Bn ☐ which was also away on maneuvers. ~~pp~~

The battalion was equipped with about 45 tanks and several self-propelled guns.

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- b. A tank repair shop company

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Four T-34 tanks, which had allegedly come from Koenigs-Brueck, were being repaired.

c. An engineer unit of about one company.

The ZIS trucks [redacted] hauled coal to the Kaserne.

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5. Soviet kommandantura in the high school building:

Dpty Chief: [redacted]

Political Officer: [redacted]

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Economic Officers: [redacted]

Cultural Officer : [redacted]

The passenger car [redacted] belonged to the kommandature.

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6. The Oschatz troops were assigned to a division headquarters located in the Alte Pionier Kaserne, Riesa (N 52/E 81). Ø

[redacted] Comment:

\*1,2,3, The former Reit- und Fahrschule and the Infanterie Kaserne on Dresdener Strasse constitute one quartering unit, whereas the adjacent Ulanen Kaserne is separated by a wire fence.

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[redacted] Comment:

a. The report indicates that the Oschatz units of the 9th Tank Div were still at the Zeithain troop training grounds and possibly also at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds in mid-August 1949.

b. The report contains data relating to the OB of the 9th Tank Div which has so far been chiefly based on wartime information and deserter interrogations of 1947:

Ø The Riesa Hq of the 9th Tank Div [redacted] was confirmed up to mid-August 1949.

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ØØ It was assumed from previous information that the 23rd Tank Regt [redacted] was located in the former Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Oschatz. The Tank Bn [redacted] equipped with tanks and self-propelled guns, was quartered in this Kaserne. The mentioned weapons can only belong to the 70th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt which was first identified in Riesa in September 1947, [redacted]

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[redacted] The report indicates the possibility that [redacted] may not belong to the 24rd Tank Regt, but to the 70th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt which is possibly located in Oschatz by now. \*\*

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(3) Deserters, interrogated in 1947, stated that [redacted]  
[redacted] was assigned to the 8th Mtz Rifle Regt. [redacted]  
[redacted]

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\*1.2,\*\* The information contained in the report, the original pass  
and the statements in the [redacted] comment allow the following  
possibilities:

(a) [redacted] the 23rd Tank Regt in the  
former Infanterie Kaserne. According to the organic  
structure of a medium tank regiment, the 23rd Tank Regt  
includes either one motorized rifle battalion or one sub-  
marine gun battalion [redacted] located in the  
former Reit- und Fahrschule.

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(b) Some soldiers of the 8th Mtz Rifle Regt were detached  
to the 23rd Tank Regt at the time when the pass was issued  
(December 1946 to April 1947).

c. The reported officers of the 9th Tank Div and the Oschatz  
kommandatura are unknown. The kommandatura was confirmed  
to be located in the high school building on Breitscheid-  
strasse.

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